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SENATE RESOLUTION 111

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to commend Miss Allison Elizabeth Baird for extraordinary service as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Clabough.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Miss Allison Elizabeth Baird is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Committee; Miss Baird's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Austin Peay State University, where she is highly admired by her peers, Allison has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; while at APSU, Allison had the honor of being named as a President's Emerging Leaders Scholar and a Links to Excellence Liaison; she was active in the Student Government Association as well as a member of the Mock Trial Team; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished honors graduate of Northeast High School in Clarksville, Allison is anxiously awaiting the change of seasons from summer to fall, when she will be

transferring her collegiate credits and her belongings to The Hill, as Miss Baird is looking forward to enrolling at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in August of this year; and

WHEREAS, Allison is a surety of success; we have no doubt that she will conquer the hearts of the Vols, as she has certainly conquered the hearts of the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee and its staff while on Capitol Hill. Allison has surpassed all of the expectations that go along with being an intern; it has been noted that she has “an exceptional work ethic and she is very organized, professional, and enthusiastic about each task she performs.”; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Miss Baird has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Allison even succeeded in influencing Deana Guenther to broaden her music horizons, from primarily listening to Jimmy Buffett to not only listening to, but enjoying, the Dave Matthews Band-not an easy task by any means; and

WHEREAS, voted by her fellow interns as the “Friendliest Intern,” Allison will always be remembered for her happy personality and her infectious smiles, not to mention her neat fashion choices, i.e., looking quite smashing in her purple outfit while at the Governor’s Residence posing for the intern photograph; and

WHEREAS, Allison could never be forgotten, nor will she ever forget Committee Days and her fellow intern, Greg Atwood, and his distressful moments with the constantly “jammed-up” copier; and

WHEREAS, Allison was a definite asset to the Vice-Chairman of Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture, to the committee as a whole, and especially to the committee staff on Tuesdays, noted as being the busiest day of the week for many in the Legislative Plaza and War Memorial Building; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community and church, Allison Elizabeth Baird has volunteered her numerous talents and limited time to being involved with Youth Leadership

Clarksville, Student Congress on Policies in Education, Catholic Youth Organization, Newman Club Organization, and as an Altar Server at the Immaculate Conception Church; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself about the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to assist in her studies, Allison brought her many abilities and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Allison Baird has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Miss Allison Elizabeth Baird for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Clabough and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.